



# Ocotillo Weekly Update

A newsletter for the residents of Glendale's Ocotillo District



**Councilmember Norma Alvarez**

**April 20, 2012**

## **Community Meeting at Challenger Middle School**

Challenger Middle School and Councilmember Alvarez are teaming up to host a community meeting on Monday, April 30 at 6 p.m. The meeting will be held in the school gymnasium.

Councilmember Alvarez will be joined by Assistant Chief Greg Dominguez and Commander Andre Anderson of the Glendale Police Department.

Challenger Middle School is located at 6905 W. Maryland Avenue. For more information, call 623-930-2878.

**Boards & Commissions.** Congratulations and many thanks to all the Glendale residents who have recently been appointed to serve on advisory boards and commissions.

Glendale's boards and commissions assist the City Council in making important policy decisions that impact the community. These volunteer citizen advisory groups research, study and discuss specific Glendale projects and issues and then forward their recommendations to the City Council. Board and commission members must reside in Glendale.

Residents can request an application to serve on a citizen advisory group or obtain more information by calling the Council Office at 623-930-2249 or visiting [www.glendaleaz.com/boardsandcommissions](http://www.glendaleaz.com/boardsandcommissions).

**City of Glendale Budget Meetings.** The city of Glendale conducted seven public budget meetings prior to the scheduled April 23 budget workshop.

The April 23 budget workshop will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Glendale City Hall in the Council Chambers. Free parking is available in the city hall parking garage. The meeting will be broadcast live on Glendale 11 TV and live online at [www.glendaleaz.com/Glendale11](http://www.glendaleaz.com/Glendale11). All council meetings are archived on the city website for viewing 24/7 at [www.glendaleaz.com/video](http://www.glendaleaz.com/video). Budget documents are posted on the city's website at [www.glendaleaz.com/budget](http://www.glendaleaz.com/budget).

## **Notice of Potential Sales Tax, Property Tax and Business Fee Increases.**

### **Property Tax**

The City of Glendale will hold a public hearing on the property tax levy for Fiscal Year 2013 on June 12, 2012 and adopt the final property tax levy at a public meeting on June 26, 2012. The final levy amount may be increased over the approved levy for Fiscal Year 2012, which may result in an increase in the property tax rate.

### **TPT (Sales) Tax**

As part of the City of Glendale's Fiscal Year 2013 budget, the City Council may consider an increase in the Transaction Privilege Tax (Sales Tax) rate. The Glendale City Council will hold a public hearing on June 12, 2012 to approve the City's Fiscal Year 2013 budget. At the same meeting the City Council may take action to approve a TPT (sales tax) rate increase.

### **Additional Bed Tax**

As part of the City of Glendale's Fiscal Year 2013 budget, the City Council may consider an increase in the Additional Bed Tax Rate of 1.6%. The Glendale City Council will hold a public hearing on June 12, 2012 to approve the City's Fiscal Year 2013 budget. At the same meeting the City Council may take action to approve an additional Bed Tax rate increase.

### **Glendale Civic Center Fees**

As part of the City of Glendale's Fiscal Year 2013 budget, the City Council may consider an increase to the fees for the Glendale Civic Center. The Glendale City Council will hold a public hearing on June 12, 2012 to approve the City's Fiscal Year 2013 budget. At the same meeting the City Council may take action to approve fees applicable to the Glendale Civic Center.

## Glendale Parks and Recreation Fees

As part of the City of Glendale's Fiscal Year 2013 budget, the City Council may consider an increase to fees for Glendale Parks and Recreation. The Glendale City Council may take action to approve fees applicable to Glendale Parks and Recreation at the June 26, 2012 meeting.



**Annual GO Transportation Program Open House - April 25.** Glendale Onboard (GO) Transportation Program is a voter-approved initiative to fund street, transit, bicycle and safety education programs in the City of Glendale. Public input is important to the GO Program decision-making process.

Please join us for the Annual Open House from 4:30 to 7 p.m., Wednesday, April 25 at the Glendale Civic Center, 5750 W. Glenn Drive. The Glendale GO Transportation Open House is a great opportunity to learn more about how the GO Program is working for you. Drop by to view exhibits detailing planned and completed GO Program projects. City staff and transportation consultants will be on hand to answer questions. [Learn more](#)

## Around Town

**Take a trip back in time to 1895!** Free Tours of Historic Amenities at Sahuaro Ranch Park are offered on an ongoing basis. Explore the Main House and see all the interesting and educational items on display as well as learn how they lived in the late 1800s and early 1900s. This tour is available Wednesdays through Saturdays, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., and Sundays, from 1 to 4 p.m., through May 31. For more information, visit [www.glendaleaz.com/SRPHA](http://www.glendaleaz.com/SRPHA).

**Shred It and Forget It - April 21.** Bring old bills, medical records, bank statements and other documents with personal information to one of two free upcoming shredding events in Glendale on April 21, from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. (or until the trucks are full). Events are at Cabela's, 9380 W. Glendale Ave. and the Dairy Queen Shopping Center at 6768 W. Deer Valley Road. For more information call 623-930-4044.

**Safely Dispose of Drugs - April 28.** The Glendale Police and the Drug Enforcement Administration are providing residents an opportunity to safely and conveniently dispose of expired, unwanted or unused pharmaceutical substances and other medications. Controlled, non-controlled and over the counter substances will be accepted. The event will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday, April 28 at two locations: WalMart at 18551 N. 83<sup>rd</sup> Ave. in the northwest parking lot and Waymark Gardens at 5325 W. Butler Dr. For more information call 623-930-4044.

**STAR Party.** Join the Saguaro Astronomy Club from 6-9 p.m., Saturday, April 28 for an evening of star gazing. Large and small telescopes will be available for viewing the moon, planets and stars. STAR Party will be held at Thunderbird Conservation Park at the 67<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Patrick Lane Entrance. Club members will be available to answer your questions. For more information, call 623-930-2652.

**New Tree Trail Dedication April 28.** Just in time for Arbor Day, Glendale's Conservation & Sustainable Living program will debut its new addition to the Glendale Xeriscape Garden, the Tree Trail on April 28 at 9 a.m. This project, funded by a grant from the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, features a renovated 10,000-square foot area of the garden, with a focus on small- and medium-sized trees better suited for most residential applications, where sites are typically more compact. Residents are encouraged to come and visit this new amenity outside the Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St. Free trees for the first 100 Glendale residents to RSVP at 623-930-3760.

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